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Government Sector Audit Amendment (Performance Audit Reports) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Report may be presented confidentially

Page 3, Schedule 1[1], proposed section 38EC(1)(b), lines 9–22. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (b) if the Auditor-General does not consider it in the public interest for the report to be made public as soon as practicable after making the report—
 - (i) present the report to each House of Parliament, if that House is sitting, on a confidential basis which precludes the report being published by order or under authority of the House until appropriate under subparagraph (iii), and
 - (ii) present a notice to each House of Parliament that states the Auditor-General's intention to present the report for publication by order or under authority of the House—
 - (A) by a date, not more than 6 months after the making of the report, specified in the notice, or
 - (B) after the occurrence of a particular event, not more than 6 months after the making of the report, specified in the notice, and
 - (iii) present the report to each House of Parliament, if that House is sitting, for publication by order or under authority of the House—
 - (A) no later than the date specified in the notice, or
 - (B) as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the particular event specified in the notice.

No. 2 Report may be presented confidentially

Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 24—

[2A] Section 38EC(2)

Insert ", subject to subsection (2A)" after "section 63C".

[2B] Section 38EC(2A)

Insert after section 38EC(2)—

- (2A) If a report is presented to each House of Parliament, or to the Clerk of each House, on a confidential basis under subsection (1) or (2), the report—
 - (a) must not be published by order or under authority of the House or otherwise published until the report is presented under subsection (1)(b)(iii), and
 - (b) may be inspected only by members of each House of Parliament but members must not take copies of, or extracts from, the report, and
 - (c) must not be referred to by members of the House publicly, including in a House of Parliament, in a way that would reveal the content of the report.